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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Because this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

This patent application is of a family that has a parent patent (i.e., U.S. Patent No. 6,592,745) currently involved in litigation: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION, Case No. C-05-3117, THERASENSE, INC. and ABBOTT LABORATORIES vs. ROCHE DIAGNOSTICS CORP. and BAYER HEALTHCARE LLC.

Both Defendants, Roche and Bayer, have asserted that the '745 patent is invalid, and both Defendants have present Invalidity Contentions. This Information Disclosure Statement brings these contentions and the references relied upon to the Patent Office's attention.

Listed on the Form 1449 are the two Invalidity Contention documents which include all the references relied upon. Also, separately listed on the Form 1449 are those references relied upon which have previously not been cited in this application.

The Patent Office is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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